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26. (Amended) The method of claim 17 wherein said computer includes a ROM BIOS,
and wherein said step of loading said agent within said computer is accomplished by loading said
agent on the ROM BIOS.

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42. (Amended) The method of claim [7 or] 42 wherein said step of providing said host
system with said identifying indicia through said global network, and said step of providing said
identifying indicia to said host system through said telephone network occur simultaneously.

57. (Amended) An apparatus within an electronic device including an agent for initiating
communication with a host monitoring system and [sending signals] providing identifying
indicia to a host monitoring system, said electronic device connectable to said host monitoring
system through a global network, said apparatus [providing identifying indicia] comprising:

[the identifying indicia includes location information; and the host monitoring system is
provided with telecommunication links for determining the location of the electronic device
based on location information within the identifying indicia]

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means for automatically providing said host monitoring system with said identifying
indicia through said global network for determining the identity of said electronic device;

means for providing said host monitoring system with one or more global network
communication links used to enable transmission between said electronic device and said host
monitoring system; and

means for determining the location of said electronic device by tracing said
communication links.

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65. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 57 wherein said global network [is] includes the
Internet.

71. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 65 wherein [said Internet connection]
✓ communication between said electronic device and said host monitoring system is provided
through a link to a private network connection to the Internet.

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72. (Amended) The apparatus of claim [69] 71 wherein said link to a private network
connection to the Internet is a wireless link.

73. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 65 wherein [said Internet connection]
✓ communication between said electronic device and said host monitoring system is provided
through a telephone line connected to an Internet provider.

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79. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 78 wherein said global network include the
Internet and wherein said host monitoring system includes means for sending a signal through
the Internet to said electronic device if it is determined to be lost or stolen, indicating that said
lost or stolen electronic device should initiate said traceroute routine.

REMARKS

Summary of the Response